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SHERIFF'S OFFICE RECEIVES GRANT TO MAINTAIN COURTHOUSE SECURITY

Sheriff John F. Price announced today that his office has received a \$48,930 grant from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to maintain two essential courthouse security positions at the Kent County Courthouse.

"These positions were in serious jeopardy of being eliminated due to shortfalls in the county's budget," said Sheriff Price. "The Kent County Courthouse houses the Circuit Court and District Court for Kent County as well as many county offices. On any given day, numerous state and county employees as well as persons doing business with the courts and county offices rely on the safety these security positions provide," said Price. "Additionally, I am very grateful to GOCCP Director Kristin Mahoney and Governor O'Malley for the quick response and resolution to this concern which has been provided to my office and the citizens of Kent County."

"We acted quickly after President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to invest in our communities and put people back to work, and that's exactly the case in Kent County, where these funds will keep two vital security officers on the job," said Governor O'Malley. "It's imperative that the Kent County Courthouse is safe and secure for the people who work there and for those who use its Courts and offices every day. This grant not only preserves two jobs, but it will help preserve the peace for the citizens of Kent County."

